

REMARKS

The Patent Office has required Applicants to elect one of five perceived inventive concepts to which the claims must be restricted.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, **Group I**, namely claims 1-17 and 24, drawn to determining the degree of cell death, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement insofar as a search for publications relating to any one of Groups I-V would reveal publications relating to any of the other Groups and, thus, would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue any non-elected Groups in one or more related applications if the restriction requirement is maintained.

Respectfully submitted,



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